

PTA General Meeting Minutes

12/5/23, 7PM

Attendees: Katie Harris, Evan Harris, David Hecht, Min Shih, Billy Robison, Lara Pukatch, Katharine Gordon, Lea Masena, Susan Limb, Sarah Hurt, Seyi Badmus, Meredith Fishburn, Savy Welch, Alexandra Potapoua, Asha Balakrishnan, Girish Tumbapura, Raza Penjwani, Amanda Sutaria

Welcome (Katie H.)

Vote to approve last meeting's minutes—Katharine motioned, Susan seconded. All voted to approve

Vote to renew scout charter (Lara).

- Every scout pack needs to be associated with a chartered organization. Our boy scouts 1320 is associated with BES. We renew the charter via PTA annually
- Vote to renew –Katharine motioned, David seconded. All voted to approve

Treasurer's report (Girish)

- Ms. Lange now cutting the teachers' reimbursement checks

MCCPTA delegate (David Hecht)

- Amendment to the MCCPTA advocacy priorities that was presented last year (passed by us, and then went to MCCPTA and did not get approved there.
- This year, the Capital Improvement Plan (? CIP) at MCCPTA is almost identical language to what we presented last year, and was passed by MCCPTA

Woodlands update (David Hecht)

- About 16 members from PTA (also neighborhood members)
- Perform woodland maintenance over the 2.5 acres to restabilize and enhance the role of BES in the local ecosystem
- Little Falls watershed alliance comes and brings gloves
- Next event is on Sunday Dec 11. Has apple cider ☺ You can bring your kids, but monitor them carefully because there are lots of hazards, tools, etc.

Science Fair Lead (Katie)

- No one has expressed interest in running science fair
- There are old YouTube videos on how to do a science fair at BES, if anyone is interested.
- January 19 is proposed date, but won't happen if we don't have a lead

Restaurant Nights next week

- Ledo's and Sarah's both have BES PTA donations (20% and 15%, respectively)

Guest Speaker—Angie Zeidenberg

- The Kindness Process: Parenting with Self-Kindness
- Angie@bestinself.com, 301-806-099

Katie gave motion to adjourn, Girish seconded, all approved. Adjourned at 8:30PM